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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Spinning — Four-year-old Jake Bryant of Lisle, Illinois, takes a spin on a carousel motorcycle at the Granite City Centennial fair in Wilson Park over the 4th of July weekend. He was attending with his grandparents, Tina and Peter Ponce, behind him, who are originally from Venice. More photos on Page 5A.

Teens arrested at motel

Prostitute's tip leads to three drug arrests

By Bob Slaten
Staff writer

Granite City police are keeping an eye on the Archway Motel downtown after arresting three Madison teens there Monday night for allegedly selling crack cocaine.

The three teens were arrested after an undercover investigation by the department's two-man drug enforcement unit, Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said.

"The drug unit noticed an increase in prostitution activity downtown, and that is usually an indication there is a source of crack cocaine nearby," he said. "Most of these girls are addicts."

The undercover agents interrogated one of the area's known prostitutes and learned that drugs were being sold out of a first-floor room at the motel, he said.

The Archway motel was closed down for three months due to rampant drug and prostitution activity there.

Agents observed the motel Monday night and noticed an unusual amount of foot traffic in and out of a first-floor room, according to a police report.

The agents approached the room at about

'From all indications, this is an isolated incident. Management is trying to run a clean business and we're helping them out as much as we can.'

— Dave Ruebhausen
Police chief

9:30 p.m., purchased two small rocks of crack cocaine and arrested the teens, the report states. The teens, a 15-year-old male resident of the 1400 block of Second Street in Madison, his 14-year-old sister and a 16-year-old male resident of the same neighborhood, all possessed crack cocaine and cash when arrested, according to the report.

The room was being rented by an older sister of the 14- and 15-year-old siblings, Ruebhausen said.

"The management threw them out and (See ARRESTS, Page 6A)

Book store owner charged

The owner of an adult book store may find some new reading materials in his mailbox soon, depending on the Madison County State's Attorney's Office.

Prosecutors Tuesday filed a complaint for an injunction and fines against Terry Wernle, owner of Soft Touch Inc., who is accused of ignoring a new county ordinance regulating such businesses.

"He is still not in compliance with the ordinance, and it's our position that he is making absolutely no effort to correct the situation."

Assistant State's Attorney Michele Berkley said. The complaint, which seeks fines of \$500 per day for each violation, said Wernle has violated the sign and business hours sections of the ordinance since it took effect March 20.

Wernle could not be reached for comment.

The store, at the intersection of Interstate 55 and Illinois Route 143 just east of Edwardsville, has remained open 24 hours a day, officials said.

The new code allows business hours between

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Faces



Mac Warfield

Mac Warfield is a busy man. Warfield, a retired Granite City Steel employee and former street superintendent for the city, filed Tuesday to have his name placed on the November general election ballot as Democratic candidate for county circuit court judge, District 29, replacing long-time member Nelson "Nellie" Hagnauer who died May.

Warfield, who is chairman of the Madison County Democratic Central Committee, is currently a 6th Ward alderman in Granite City.

He serves as chairman of the City Council's Finance Committee and Street and Alley Committee.

Police release robbery suspect

Police have few clues into an armed robbery at a downtown Granite City convenience store over the weekend.

Although a suspect was arrested in Madison shortly after the robbery and identified by a store clerk as the person who held up the 7-Eleven at 1207 Niedringhaus Avenue at gunpoint, the man was released.

Assistant Police Chief Kip Pomery said police believe the man arrested was not the robber because he did not appear to be the man photographed by a store surveillance

camera; the man also passed a polygraph exam.

The store clerk told police a man followed her into the store at about 2:30 a.m. Monday and asked for a pack of cigarettes.

When the clerk put the package on the counter, the suspect pulled a black bag containing a pistol from the waistband of his pants and demanded money from the cash drawer.

The clerk handed the suspect the money and he walked away from the store.

The suspect is described as a black man, round-faced with a

(See ROBBER, Page 6A)

Sears plans \$12 million store at Alton Square

A new \$12 million Sears store is expected to breathe new life into Alton Square and add 100 retail jobs.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Simon Properties Group announced the proposed 100,000-square-foot, detached Sears Auto Center Monday. Completion of the project is scheduled for the fall of 1997.

"It will obviously be a tremendous benefit to the community," said Don Miller, president of the Alton Bell Group, developer of Alton Square.

"It will not only be a great thing for working people, but it will also be a great thing for that mall," said Jack Tueth, business manager for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 100.

Mayor Bob Towsé said he has been working on a deal to bring the store to the mall since shortly after he was elected in 1993.

"It's been one of the more challenging tasks I've had," he said. "I started working on this shortly after the election because I was concerned about the future of the mall," Towsé said.

The City Council was to receive proposed legislation Wednesday that would abate all the sales tax generated by the new store for a 15-year period to a maximum of \$4.9 million.

If the \$4.9 million level is reached before the end of the agreement, the abatement would drop to 50 percent of sales tax revenue for the remainder of the 15-year period.

The city will collect the tax and return it to Simon, which owns the mall and will construct the addition. Simon will lease the store to Sears.

Towsé said Simon, of Indianapolis, originally proposed a tax abatement on all stores in the mall, but the city has reduced the proposed abatement to Sears only.

The new store will be attached to the mall at the northwest corner. The corridor from the exterior leading to the new wing has room for as many as four additional stores, which would also qualify for the sales tax abatement.

A Sears automotive store would also be constructed adjacent to the mall maintenance building on the northeast corner of the complex. The main store would occupy 88,000 square feet, and the automotive store, another 10,000 square feet.

It will be the first Sears department store in Alton since a 30,000-square-foot store in Downers Grove closed in 1983.

Towsé said there is no agreement for infrastructure development or any other enticement to get the store.

It will provide an impetus for major retail to return. The sales tax generated by the reinvestment plan developed to finance the project will come from the Sears store revenues only. This plan will protect current and projected revenue to the city from the other stores in the mall," he added.

—From The Telegraph



(Staff photo by BOB SLOAN)
Police direct traffic around a four-vehicle accident on Pontoon Road Tuesday afternoon.

Accident ties up traffic

Four cars damaged in chain-reaction crash

Four cars were damaged in a chain-reaction accident on Pontoon Road Tuesday afternoon.

The driver of one of the cars, a 17-year-old girl who is 7½ months pregnant, was rushed by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she was treated and released. Family members said neither the girl nor her baby was seriously injured.

The accident occurred at about 2:30 on Pontoon Road at its intersection with Stearns Avenue.

Police said a green 1994 Chevrolet C1500 pickup truck driven westbound on Pontoon Road by Allen D. "Bud" Charbonnier, 49, of Raes Creek Drive, struck the rear of a red 1987 Chevrolet Beretta stopped in the westbound lane, setting off a chain reaction.

The Beretta, driven by Heather B. Shafer, 17, of the 2000 block of Amos Avenue, was

pushed forward into a maroon 1986 Buick Regal stopped traffic, according to a police report.

The Buick, driven by Connie D. Snyder, 32, of the 3800 block of Lake Drive in Pontoon Beach, was pushed forward into a silver 1996 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck stopped in traffic waiting to turn left onto Stearns.

The S-10 was driven by Carl E. Renfrow, 22, of St. Jacobi. No tickets were issued.

The accident occurred one block east of a road construction project under way on Pontoon Road. Several pieces of heavy equipment were present in the area. That equipment, along with the road blockage caused by the accident, backed up traffic on the busy two-lane road for several blocks for about a half hour.

Laws take aim at gangs

By Mike Viola
Staff writer

Illinois is getting tougher on gangs, and the state legislature has enacted new laws aimed at reducing gang activity. The laws were the result of the Governor's Commission on Gangs, which held a hearing on Gangs, held a hearing in

East St. Louis in April.

"I believe these initiatives will add significantly to our crackdown on gangs throughout Illinois," said Governor Ed Rendell. "I truly appreciate the commitment demonstrated by the anti-gang commission under the effective leadership of Attorney General Jim Ryan."

The new legislation provides for better protection of witnesses and tougher sentences for gang leaders.

"The \$1 million pilot program was created to help protect victims and witnesses who assist in convicting gang members."

Relocates witnesses during and after the prosecution of gang members.

The new laws also raise the current penalties for gang leaders involved in drug-dealing operations from 6 to 30 years in jail to 15 to 60 years.

The new laws were designed to help make schools safer by requiring any public school to report all firearm-related incidents within 24 hours.

Gov. Rendell's Commission on Gangs made recommendations to the legislature based on 14 hearings held throughout the state earlier this year.

The commission met in East St. Louis on April 22 to receive input from Metro East law enforcement and community officials and residents.

During the meeting, St. Louis meeting, most speakers said the problem with gang activity was not police protection, but a lack of preventative programs, role models and proper parenting.

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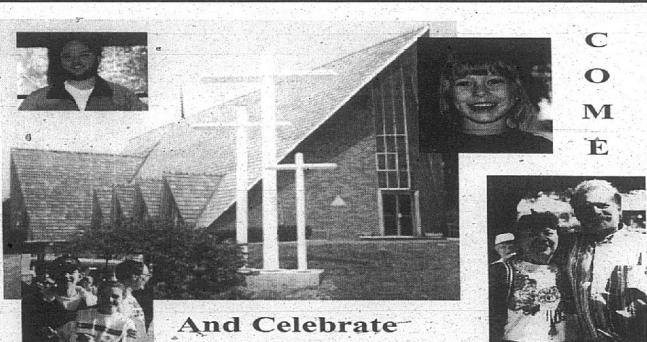
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(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

Exercise guru Richard Simmons speaks to Wal-Mart customers during his visit to the Collinsville store.

Richard Simmons draws crowd

Fitness guru appears at Wal-Mart store in Collinsville

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

The Collinsville Wal-Mart became a live exercise video scene Tuesday morning as fitness guru Richard Simmons made a visit to the store.

After making his way through an ever-growing crowd inside the store — doling out hugs and kisses all the way — Simmons hurled himself up on the service desk.

"That will be \$30 and 40 cents please," he said. "Can you just see me going there?"

"Hey, can you teach me to run this register?" he asked, leaning down to address one of the cashiers.

Simmons' Collinsville appearance was one of 11 he'll be making at stores nationwide, said Assistant Manager Elsie McRae. Through sales of Simmons' videos and his low-fat food products, the Collinsville store beat out 115 other Wal-Mart locations in its region to win the visit.

Spectators began lining up early. Before 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, about 40 of them were huddled in front of the temporary stage, set up in the women's sportswear section.

Among them was Wal-Mart employee Stacie Hollingshead of Collinsville. Hollingshead was clutching a box of Simmons' sourdough pretzels in hopes that he would sign it.

"It's a big event for us," Hollingshead said. "I've watched him on television. I'm anxious to see what he's like in person."

Hollingshead got to see a lot of what she saw on television as Simmons led the audience of about 200 through a mini-exercise routine.

"Ma'am, ma'am!" Simmons cried into the audience. "Put

my cookies down and your arms up. She's sweatin' to the cookies, folks."

In between bits, Simmons was autographing photos, boxes of his products as well as his videos and diet books.

"You know, you can't just sign your name and then people ask me to sign another photo of himself. 'You know, there are certain names I don't sign: Candy, Cookie, key lime pie, chocolate pretzels...'"

Five-year-old Zack Karracker drew a picture of Simmons that gave him a stick-like physique and extra-long legs. Simmons held it over his head for the crowd to see.

"I should be this skinny," Simmons quipped. "And if I had legs this long, I'd look like Cindy Crawford."

Margie Herwig, of Granite City, got a hug and kiss from Simmons as he came through the store's doors. She showed him a snapshot of her former self — 335 pounds heavier than her current weight.

"He is wonderful," Herwig said.

Herwig said she lost the weight through the Diet Center program and is using Simmons' exercise videos. It took her more than three years to lose the weight — and she's kept it off for 18 months.

Herwig, sporting an engagement ring, later joined Simmons on stage, where he was frequently recognizing weight-loss success stories.

One more of them was that of Judi Reynolds of Collinsville. Reynolds got a hug — and some encouraging words from Simmons — for her weight-loss efforts. She's lost 32 pounds.

"He was just telling me to stay on the program and what a good job I was doing," Reynolds said. "He's very encouraging."

Shimkus, Bathon fight over audit report

Report is critical of treasurer's accounts

Two Madison County officials remain in a verbal battle over an independent audit report critical of delays in reconciling accounts by Treasurer John Shimkus' office.

Shimkus said comments about the report by elected county Auditor Fred Bathon are political cheap shots; Bathon says he didn't call attention to a serious problem.

Shimkus is the only

Republican holding countywide office. He is the party's treasurer for Collinsville in the 20th District. Bathon is a Democrat.

The outside auditor, KPMG Peat Marwick, recommended that the treasurer's office "was delinquent in its reconciliation of several of its significant bank accounts."

"We understand resource problems have contributed to

these lapses; however, we feel these controls are essential to the effective operation of the Treasurer's Office," the report said.

A management response that accompanied the report said the situation was being corrected.

A KPMG Peat Marwick representative presented the report at a recent meeting of the County Board's Finance Committee.

"I was in the building (when the meeting was held)," Shimkus said. "I could have answered their questions. It was portrayed as causing later (political) ramifications," which is not factual," he said.

Shimkus said the resignation of a key employee contributed to the difficulties.

"This was addressed at the end of March," he said. "We

wanted to improve our performance, and we've done so. The auditors wanted us to balance monthly. We now balance monthly."

Bathon said he had nothing to do with the independent auditor's report, which is required by law.

"I'm ludicrous to suggest this is politically motivated," he said. "The timing is the same as it is every year. I can't help it if he's always running for reelection."

Bathon said failure to regularly reconcile accounts creates a potential for mishandling of funds, although there is no indication of wrongdoing.

The county auditor said the report was presented at a public meeting and is a public document. He said a different independent auditor identified

the lapses; however, we feel these controls are essential to the effective operation of the Treasurer's Office," the report said.



Bathon Shimkus

a similar problem in the treasurer's office in 1992.

Bathon said he repeatedly advised Shimkus of private members' concerns about reconciliations.

"John has been very slow in correcting this problem," Bathon said. "He has a lot of excuses."

Shimkus said 1995 property taxes are being distributed to taxing districts at a record pace.

He said more than \$24 million should be in the hands of taxing districts as of two days ago, about \$13 million ahead of last year's distribution.

"We're really pleased with our office and our record," Shimkus said.

— From The Telegraph

Correction

One person in a photograph on page A4 of the Sunday, July 6, Granite City Journal was identified incorrectly. Pictured with storyteller Laurel Galeen were Tommy Ramey and Nathan Mann.

Home buyer program offered

By Bob State
Staff writer

First-time home buyers in Granite City can save tens of thousands of dollars over the life of their mortgage through a tax reduction program.

Mortgage credit certificates, available locally through FirstBank, Central Bank, Guardian Savings Bank, and Omni Bank, allow first-time home buyers to deduct 25 percent of the total interest paid in a year from their federal income tax liability, said Tom Brown, director of economic development for the city of Granite City.

"This is particularly attractive because this deduction goes directly to reduce the amount of taxes you owe," Brown said. "In other words, if your total federal tax liability for 1995 is \$2,500 and you paid \$600 in mortgage interest in 1995, with a mortgage credit certificate you could reduce your taxes to \$1,000 from \$2,500, a savings of \$1,500."

Locally, \$1.6 million in credit certificates is available.

The city has offered mortgage credit certificates in the past, but many first-time buyers were unable to take advantage because the local limit had been met.

"This is again a great opportunity for first-time home buyers in Granite City," Mayor Ron Schip said. "This could save you \$2,300 to \$24,000 over the lifetime of your home loan."

To be eligible to buy:

- ✓ be a first-time buyer (not have had a home in their name for three years);
- ✓ have income of less than \$46,000 a year for one or two people or less than \$52,900 for three or more persons;
- ✓ purchase a new home for \$121,919 or less, or an existing home for \$100,812 or less; and
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Opinion

Carol's comments

Disney looks to bottom line

As anyone who reads this column on a regular basis knows, I'm no fan of Disney culture.

Hence, I was delighted to read some commentary from a couple of women who feel as I do on the subject of the most recent epic to be produced by the Disney organization: their version of Victor Hugo's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

First came a feature story on *gargoyles* and *Quasimodo* from Stephanie Shapiro of the Baltimore Sun. She noted that the three, gargoyles in the Disney musical (Victor, Hugo and Laverne) are "so done that you can't even say it cutely" are a far cry from the carved stone monsters of tradition. These three, according to Shapiro, are described in the Disney press kit as "not 'hedonistic, stodgy and crotchety, but caring.'" Definitely not frightening, perish the thought. But when, the *Quasimodo*, will henceforth be known by his new nickname, "Quasi," Naturally.

Bear in mind, here, that no matter how horrific the theme may be, once the Disney folks get their hands on it, *it must be upbeat and it must have a happy ending.*

Shapiro quotes a John Connally, Jr., art historian and librarian at the Maryland Institute College of Art, on the historic view of the gargoyles as "a reminder that evil lurks at every pass," and who considers the dancing Victor Hugo and Laverne as "an obnoxious, it makes evil" So, I could be wrong in thinking they couldn't handle Boccaccio. After all, that's what rewrite personnel are there for.

As a matter of fact, the Disney folk are experts at rewriting, be it history or classic literature. Who'd ever have guessed that the *Decameron* of course, was a rewrite of the devil's "reminder that evil lurks at every pass," and who considers the dancing Victor Hugo and Laverne as "an obnoxious, it makes evil" So, I could be wrong in thinking they couldn't handle Boccaccio. After all, that's what rewrite personnel are there for.

One of the things about the story that bugs me most is the fact that all this rewriting is made possible by the group's penchant for choosing someone else's work that is not in the public domain. Thus, of course, gives them the option to rewrite whenever it strikes their fancy.

One the other hand, Mr. Davis has "gone to bat" for very tough cutting staff. The Republicans control both houses of the Illinois legislature and all the committees in the Senate and the House. It is not surprising that Steve Davis and other Democratic representatives of the working people of Illinois are having a tough time at the plate."

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So, what gets down to is this: Does the manager select Steve Davis who is 0 for 14, or does he go with Mr. Stephens, who is 2 for 50 (that's a .040 batting average). A reasonable person might expect that being a member of the majority party and having introduced nearly 100 bills, that Mr. Stephens would have had more success.

The records of the other Republican legislators from other parts of Illinois are not much different — and they are in the majority. What seems to be clear is that the Republicans don't care if they're squashed down to the bottom, no matter whether Republicans or Democrats are elected by or for them.

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Also to save you and the Republicans time, I am not an official of the Democratic Party (precinct committeeman or otherwise). I am not seeking office anywhere. I am just a material containing libel will not be used; the tone or intention will not be changed.

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Carol
Clarkin



Letters to the editor

Davis attacks unwarranted

TO THE EDITOR:

In recent weeks, I have noticed a flurry of attacks in the "Letters to the Editor" section on Rep. Steve Davis and his record in office.

These mudslinging diatribes have focused on the track of success in passing bills in the current legislative session. One

of the Republican legislators

Rep. Stephens is compared to is

Rep. Stephens. Steve is criti-

cized for having a 0 for 44

record on bills he has intro-

duced, whereas Mr. Stephens

is praised for having passed two bills in closer agreement

and clearly sees what is going

on in the Illinois House.

Using an analogy of a base-

ball manager selecting a

pitcher, imagine the "weak

pitching" of the Republicans

versus the "strong" pitching

of the Democrats. Mr. Stephens

has two more "hits" than

Mr. Davis. But a closer

look at their overall perfor-

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guy who has gone to work every day for the last 30 years in a local steel mill. I know who represents me and other workers in the region — Rep. Steve Davis. I'll vote for him next November ... again!

GARY W. GAINES

Grants City

The officials then decided to "compromise" on the issue. The compromise was to pay themselves \$69,906 by the year 2000, an increase of \$164 over their first proposal.

The new, uncompromising

proposal is based on the reality

of raising pay for other Americans.

Compromise should have

been based on the fact that for

the majority of Americans and

working people.

Right before the General

Assembly adjourned, Davis

voted "no" on legislation to

increase the benefits for dis-

abled veterans and the widows

and orphans of veterans

on the job. If that wasn't bad

enough, he voted against legis-

lation to provide funding in-

creases for seniors' Meals on

Wheels.

What Davis says and what

he votes for are two entirely

different things. I like to call

it "politics as usual."

—HOGAN, the handwriting is

on the wall.

The future success of Ameri-

ca at the local, state and fed-

eral level is dependent on

electing real conservatives.

We are taking America to

death and handing our children

a nightmare, all in the name

of "politics as usual."

JOHN FINNEGAN

Republican Candidate

Madison County Auditor

one of many such studies

where the evidence clearly

shows homosexuals are a terri-

ble and unnecessary medical

risk, especially for a military

recruit in its prime.

An American Legion maga-

zine article reported the VA in

1992 treated 16,205 veterans for

HIV/AIDS and each patient

cost \$250,000 in medical care alone.

Congress was informed of

the above, yet U.S. Rep. Ed

Markey, a Democrat, refused

to vote against lifting the ban on

homosexuals such as gay

men, despite the greater risk

of AIDS.

The American Security

Council, a coalition of veterans

and concerned citizens and

congressional leaders advo-

cates "peace through strength."

Rep. John Murtha, a Democ-

rat from Pennsylvania, was the

first to vote for the ban.

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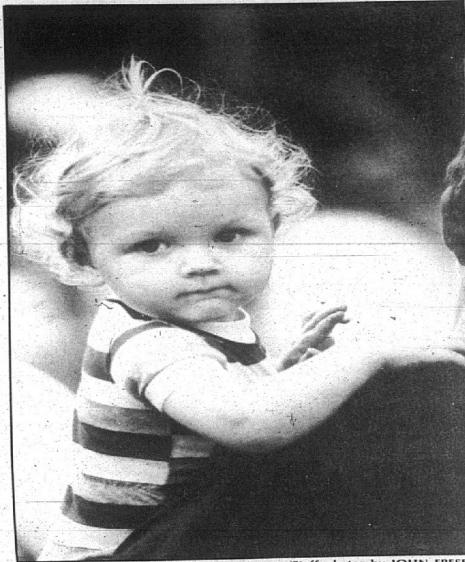


4th of July celebration: Rides, games at park

Granite City's Centennial celebration wound up its first part with a 4th of July celebration at Wilson Park last weekend.

Following the earlier parade and entertainment spectacular, the 4th of July events — held Thursday through Sunday — focused on carnival attractions and rides at Wilson Park.

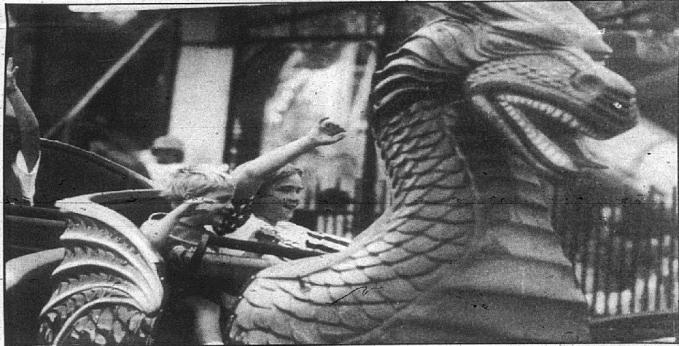
At left, two-year-old Megan Pickle of Granite City has a twinkle in her eye as she looks out of the window of a carousel fire truck. At right, 17-month-old Zachary Davis of Granite City looks back over father Paul's shoulder while waiting for his sister, Lindsay, to finish a ride.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)



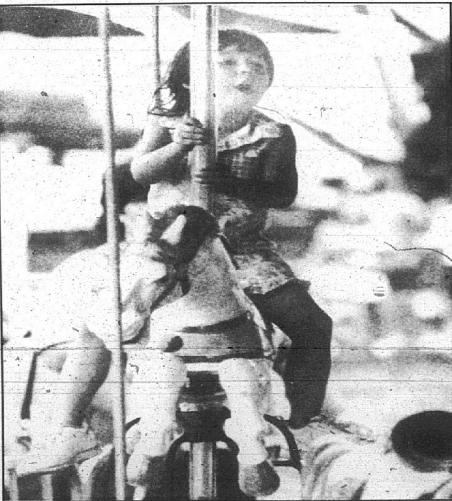
Carousel attendant Don Miller, left, watches as David Oliver, 8, right, and Megan Pickle, 2, circle on the ride. Both children are from Granite City.



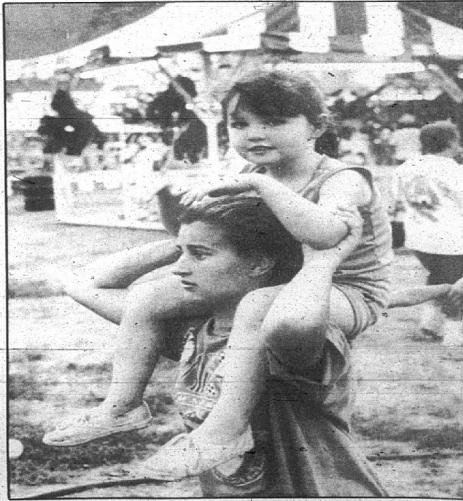
Devon Stein, 6, left, and Dustin Miller, 8, take a ride on the Dragon Wagon roller coaster at the Independence Day Carnival.



Wendy Matayas of Granite City takes her niece, Tiffany Bierschwal, on a ride down a giant slide at the carnival.



Breanna Singleton, 3, of Granite City, rides a carousel horse at the carnival.



Annette Jordan, 4, gets a lift from friend Becky Richmond, 14, while checking out the carnival in Wilson Park.

Band concert tonight at park

The next free band concert in Wilson Park will begin tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Stan Kowalski and his Big Band will perform a two-hour concert near 27th Street and Delmar Avenue.

Seating is limited and concert-goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

•Arrests

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assured us they won't be back," he said.

Last summer, city officials and Madison County State's Attorney William Haine convinced the owners of the motel at the corner of 19th Street, Cleveland Boulevard and Niederrhause Avenue to close the

business from June through August rather than have a judge close it for us," he said.

Citing the motel as "a den of iniquity" that "drives away good citizens," a complaint filed against the motel's ownership alleged 40 separate instances of drug activity, 12 specific incidents of prostitu-

tion activity at the motel between May 1990 and February 1991.

As part of the settlement agreement, a new manager was hired and trained to identify illegal activities and the building was given a fresh coat of paint and a new name prior to re-opening.

Haine said the name change and facelift were necessary to the public know that the business would no longer be operated in the same manner.

Agents who participated in the bust Monday night said there appeared to be a number of legitimate tenants — including several families — in the motel.

"From all indications, this is a well-run, well-kept business," Haine said. "Management is trying to run a clean business and we're helping them out as much as we can," Ruehausen said.

Company agrees on settlement

Prudential to pay \$35 million

A multistate task force of insurance regulators has confirmed what Martin Lopez of Alton knew several years ago: something was wrong with the way Prudential was selling life insurance.

The task force capped a yearlong investigation Tuesday with an announcement that Prudential Insurance Co. of America, the nation's largest life insurer, had agreed to pay a record \$35 million fine and make restitution to up to 12 million policyholders.

Regulators found that Pru-

dential management knew of sales abuses by agents but failed to adequately investigate them or impose effective discipline.

"It is clear that the abuses reviewed by the task force involved more than simply a few rogue agents or a few instances of improper sales presentations," said New Jersey banking and insurance commissioner Elizabeth Randolph, who spearheaded the investigation. "The abuses were widespread throughout all regions of the country."

Arthur Ryan, chairman of the New Jersey-based insurance company, said Prudential would move swiftly to resolve policyholders' concerns and take steps to prevent any recurrence of abuses.

Individuals involved in the task force will receive \$2.3 million as its share of the \$35 million fine.

Nan Nases, a spokeswoman for the Illinois Dept. of Insurance, said \$500,000 will be retained by the department for consumer-protection activities and the rest will go to the state's general fund.

The investigation focused on reports of "churning," a sales technique in which agents encourage customers to use buy-up cash values of existing policies to finance new ones, thus generating new sales commissions.

Many policyholders agreed to such conversions without being adequately informed of the consequences, regulators found.

"I know I was misled," said Lopez, a retiree from Owens-Illinois Inc. He and his wife, Esperanza, agreed in 1989 to convert two small Prudential life insurance policies to two \$10,000 policies, believing there would be no additional costs.

"I think it's very, very good," Martin Lopez said.

"They should have done something to these people. They were trying to hook somebody. Why should they do things like that?"

From The Telegraph

•Store

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10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Adult businesses are not allowed to operate on Sundays or federal holidays.

The Madison County Board approved the new ordinance in September.

From The Telegraph

•Robber

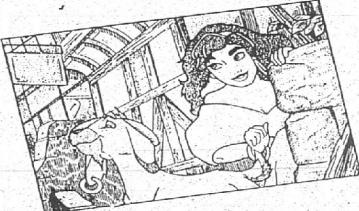
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mustache, five-feet, seven-inches tall, heavily built, 25-30 years old; he was wearing a leather ball cap and a black bandana.

Anyone with information about the robbery should call detectives at 876-9027.

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Obituaries

Jeffrey Smith

Jeffrey Loy Smith Sr., 30, of Granite City died at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 1996, in Granite City. He was born May 16, 1966, in Granite City, where he had been a lifetime resident.



A crane operator with Huntco Steel Company in Madison for one year, he was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce (Hutchinson) Smith; two sons, Jeffrey Loy Smith Jr. of Houston; two daughters, Jessica Lynn Smith of Houston and Carol Ann Jackson of Granite City; his parents, Raymond Smith and Mrs. Marilyn (Singleton) Smith of Granite City; a brother, Raymond Smith of Granite City; four sisters, Debra Hall, "Cathy" Finley and Tammy Riffle; a stepmother, and a body Tanner of Collinsville; and his maternal grandfather, Loy Singleton of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Charles and Lill Smith; and his maternal grandmother, Ruby Singleton.

Visitation is from 4 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2200 Pontoon Road in Granite City, where services are at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

John Kim

John W. Kim, 61, of Granite City, formerly of Walnut Ridge, Ark., died at 8:27 p.m. Saturday, July 13, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a two-year illness.

Born July 28, 1934, in Jonesboro, Ark., he had been a resident of Walnut Ridge for 32 years prior to moving to Granite City 18 years ago.

An assembly line worker with Frolic Foot Wear in Jonesboro for 32 years prior to his retirement, he was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Granite City, where he served as deacon for 20 years.

Mrs. Bowers was also a member of the Presbyterian Women, Ladies Coterie Chapter H.T., P.E.O. and the Humane Society of Granite City Board of Directors.

Survivors include one son, Willis W. Bowers III, of Edwardsville; and three grandchildren.

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Memorials are requested for the First Presbyterian Church Elevator Fund.

M. Whitehead

Martha J. (Nall) Whitehead, 58, of Granite City, formerly of East St. Louis, died at 1:51 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, 1996, at her residence, following a six-year illness.

Born July 25, 1937, in Caraway, Ark., she had been a resident of Granite City since 1960. An advertising clerk with Central Hospital for 18 years prior to her retirement in 1983, she was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin Whitehead, whom she married Oct. 8, 1956, in East St. Louis; one son, Phillip D. Whitehead Sr. of Granite City; her mother, Katherine (Parker) Nall of Caraway; two brothers, Bob Nall of St. Joseph, La., and Jerry Hall of Caraway; one sister, Delores Melton of Brookland, Ark.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gerald Nall.

Visitation continues until 10 a.m. today, Thursday, at Grace Baptist Church, 2000 Edwards St. in Granite City, where services are at 10 a.m. today with the Rev. Bob Jones officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Arrangements are being handled by Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society or Grace Baptist Church.

Lois Bowers

Lois E. (Eddy) Bowers, 83, of Granite City died at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 1996, at Rosewood Care Center in Edwardsville, following a three-week illness.

Born Feb. 6, 1913, in Kenton, Ohio; she had been a resident of Granite City for 60 years.

A registered nurse for 50 years prior to her retirement, she was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Granite City, where she served as deaconess for 20 years.

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Girlene Travis

Girlene M. (Wallace) Travis, 90, of Clarksville, Tenn., formerly

of Granite City, died at 6:55 a.m. Sunday, July 7, 1996, at Clarksville Manor Nursing Home in Clarksville.

Born Sept. 18, 1905, in Shiras County, Tenn., she had been a resident of Granite City for 18 years prior to moving to Clarksville seven years ago.

A homemaker, she was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Granite City.

Survivors include one daughter, Georgia Vick of Clarksville; one son, Donald Wallace of Granite City; two sisters, Bernice Clubb of Mascoutah and Lois Weeks of Granite City; one granddaughter, three great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer Travis, whom she married Aug. 12, 1928, and who died March 19, 1980; her parents, Nathan and Callie Lee Wallace; three brothers, Howard, Clarence and Carl Wallace; and two sisters, Margaret and Dorothy Rainwater.

Services were Wednesday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Mel Sorenson officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for First Church of the Nazarene.

Edward King

Edward L. King, 70, of Granite City died at 2:57 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 1996, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Oct. 31, 1925, in Caruthersville, Mo.

A sergeant with the United States Air Force prior to his retirement June 3, 1965, he also served in the Army during World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Mr. King was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and American Legion Post of Wood River and of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his wife, Madeleine M.A. (Stalder) King, whom he married June 4, 1950, in Luxembourg; one son, Charles King of Wood Hill, Ill.; one daughter, Madeleine G.E.

Holbrook to be in area today

State Rep. Tom Holbrook, D-Belleville, will hold open office hours in his Granite City district office, 1310 Niedringhaus Ave., today from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Later today, from 1 to 2 p.m., Holbrook will set up shop in the VFW Post office, 910 Madison Ave. in Madison, to listen to the public.

In addition to these open office hours, regular appointments can be made by calling Holbrook's offices at 451-0200 in Granite City or at 394-2211 in Belleville.

Senior Club games are canceled

The Granite City Senior Social Club has canceled its Sunday games for this Sunday, July 14. The next Sunday games will be held Aug. 4. The next Monday games scheduled are for July 22.

All events are held at the Granite City Township Hall, 2060 Delmar Ave. in Granite City. Seniors 50 years of age and older are welcome to attend. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Budget

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While the matter of raises for elected officials has not been discussed in detail in meetings, several aldermen

said it has been kicked around informally.

"They haven't had a raise for a long time," Warfield said. "I expect somebody will bring it up."

According to figures provided

by City Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart, the mayor has not had a raise since 1991, and the city's salary for 1996 is \$42,000 to \$47,000. At least seven department heads or their assistants are paid more than

the mayor.

The city clerk and treasurer also received \$2,000 raises in 1995, increasing their salaries to \$37,000 each.

Aldermen also received a raise that year, doubling their salaries to \$5,400 a year.

The street superintendent has not received a raise in at least eight years. The salary for that position is currently \$35,000.

While elected officials cannot legally approve salary increases for themselves for the current term, they can approve raises effective the next time the office is filled.

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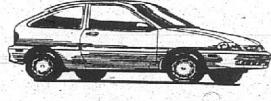
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GRANITE CITY PRESS-RECORD

Juniors edge Roxana, win 3rd straight

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

How quickly the tide can turn.

The Tri-City Junior Triplets started the season quickly at 5-1, then dropped three straight after important members of the team moved up to the Senior Legion level.

But just when it seemed all hope was lost, the team found its ground and have pulled off three straight wins, including Tuesday night's well-played 1-0 win over Roxana.

All of a sudden, the Junior Triplets are hitting better, hitting better and playing better defense. But the biggest turnaround might have been in the attitude department.

"Head manager Gaud Lignou said when the team reached the bottom of the barrel, he and his assistant coaches had a heart-to-heart talk with the players.

"We had struggled for a long time, and I guess we were pretty hard on them in a way," Lignou said. "We questioned their pride, and the work ethic. We told them there was two things they could do at that point: pack it in, and coast the rest of the season, or decide to turn it up a notch and start playing baseball."

"That's what they did. They

stepped it up, and now they're willing to do whatever it takes to win," Lignou added positively to our challenge."

After searching for anything that would stop the bleeding, now Lignou is thinking positively about the District 22 playoffs, which begin July 20 in Edwardsville.

"The guys turned it around, and you need to be playing your best at the time of the year," Lignou said. "A lot of our problems were things we couldn't control, but we've rebounded from that and proved we're good enough to win some games."

The Junior Triplets are currently 8-9 in league play, which puts them in fourth place in the District 22 North Division behind Edwardsville, Alton and Wood River.

However, Wood River still has to face Edwardsville and Alton. Tri-City, meanwhile, has games remaining against Collingswood and Cahokia.

"There are two games that we really have a chance to win," Lignou said. "And that's a tough road for Wood River. If we can win those, and they would lose two, we'd be 10-9. But since we beat Wood River twice, we'd get the nod for third place."

Which would be a big deal. The top three finishers in the division get first-round byes,



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Jonathan Burnett waits for a pitch during last week's game against Cahokia, automatically advancing to the double elimination round of the playoffs. The bottom three teams fight it out in a single

elimination round, with only one pitcher from Paul Kacers Post 113 scoring the only run of the game in its

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Clippers' offense erupts in Valmeyer tourney finale

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Like a fireworks display on July 4, the Granite City Clippers spent the holiday weekend at the Valmeyer tournament, Classic making a lot of noise.

And in the tournament's championship game, the Clippers went off like a fireworks grand finale, erupting for 32 runs against the St. Louis Printers.

After the Clippers endured possibly their worst slump in at least four years. Before the Valmeyer tourney, they had lost four of six games, including two of three at the Prairie State Games, a tournament Granite City dominated last year.

But as with all good teams, the slumps don't last too long. And it would be safe to say the Clippers recovered from their hitting woes at Valmeyer.

"We had struggled a little, but we definitely broke out of our slump," said Clippers player-manager Daren DePew. "I think we look forward to (the tournament) as a team. We always seem to play well together, and definitely something we needed."

Granite City pounded out a



(Photo by PAUL BAILLARGEON)

Tim Hogan slides into a force out.

total of 32 hits — and also received seven walks and four errors — in the game against the Printers. The Clippers led 5-1 after two innings, then sent 13 men to the plate in the third and 13 more in the fourth, crossing the plate in the fourth, and it was coast time from there.

Overall in the tournament, Granite City scored 55 runs and had nearly 70 base hits.

Jamie Hogan was named tourney MVP for the second

time. His three-homer, eight-RBI performance gave him the nod, but several of the Clippers could have been considered.

We were bothered by obstructing, in the Prairie State Games, DePew said. "But that may have been a blessing in disguise. We came together as a team at Valmeyer."

Hogan is now nicknamed "Jamie Hogan, 'Jamie Valmeyer'" because he always

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(Photo by PAUL BAILLARGEON)

Mark Winfield works from the stretch during the Clippers' semifinal victory over East Alton at Valmeyer.

Paddlers swimmers off to quick start

By Brian L. Jones
Correspondent

The Granite City Paddlers have a record-breaking swimmer in their summer youth program, but no longer a perfect team record in dual-meet competition.

Justin Schooley, 10, became the team's all-time fastest boys 50-meter freestyle swimmer in the 9-10 age group winning the event in last weekend against host Wedgewood in south St. Louis. County. Schooley outswam the former Paddlers record time from more than eight years ago by Pat Curry, a 1995 graduate of Granite City High School.

The Paddlers also won the Wedgewood meet as a team, 11-2, and record 2-0, which includes a season-opening victory over Sunset Hills Country Club (of Edwardsville). However, visiting Montclair (Edwardsville) last week handed Granite City its first loss of the summer in Southwestern Illinois Swimming Association competition.

The Paddlers, who also swim Monday in the Sunset Hills Relays, meet, conclude the regular season with dual meets Tuesday against Gaslight (Collinsville) and July 23 against Summersport (Alton), the defending SWISA postseason tournament champion.

"Montclair beat us by 64 points, which is still a relatively close score," said Paddlers swimmer Mark DeFurmanek. "That's really not a surprise, because Montclair's numbers are up and they have a lot of kids from the Edwardsville YMCA Winter League. And I believe Montclair is still undefeated right now."

Furmanek said 2-1 is an uncharacteristically fast start for the Paddlers in recent years. While they finished second in the 1995 postseason tournament, the Paddlers won only two of five dual matches all of last summer.

"We get so many kids who are also involved in T-ball and soccer and baseball playoffs this time of the year," Furmanek said. "I think we have our full team together for any meet. We usually put it all together at the end, which is why we swim so much better in the (SWISA) championships."

Schooley, one of the few Paddlers who remains active in year-round swimming, has been dominant this summer for several years. The game for swimmers other than young swimmers in the 8-under division will emerge as Schooley did during his first summer with the Paddlers three years ago.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Rachael Clark performs a dive during a recent Paddlers meet.

Diving squad looking to bounce back

By Brian L. Jones
Correspondent

The Granite City Paddlers went in dual diving meets for five consecutive years from 1991-95.

Montclair's reign in the Southwestern Illinois Swimming Association continued at the start of this summer with back-to-back victories by more than 20-point margins over Sunset Hills Country Club

(Edwardsville) and Wedgewood (St. Louis). But an upstart Montclair team from Edwardsville invaded Paddlers Pool last week and stunned the home team in a 53-17 upset defeat.

"Montclair kids were real tickled about beating us, because we've been on top for so long," said Paddlers diving coach Gayle McCormick. "They are a talented team, but I think they took our kids by

surprise."

The silver lining for McCormick is a more convincing argument to her young divers about the potential difficulty of the upcoming SWISA conference championship tournament. The Paddlers are two-time defending champions, but former midwest programs like Montclair are gaining in confidence.

"I've tried to tell our kids

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Fontbonne lands pair of Warriors

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Darin Hendrickson's Granite City pipeline has provided more solid recruits.



Niepert
Billy Niepert and Brad Ervay, two of the 10 seniors this year with Granite City team as well as in the Southwestern Conference.

Margenthaler, SIUE agree to contract

By Tim Carley
Correspondent

Four years ago, Jack Margenthaler gave a commitment to the men's basketball program at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Recently the university returned the favor to Margenthaler.

Margenthaler came to an agreement with SIUE earlier this month where SIUE granted him a continuing contract.

This means that Margenthaler doesn't have to worry about details of his contract every year. It is a working agreement that the contract will never be re-written and will not consist of one-year contracts like professional football players receive.

In essence, Margenthaler is the head basketball coach of the program as long as he wants the position.

"I'm delighted to have (a continuing contract) and it's refreshing and comforting to know that I don't have to renegotiate my contract every year," Margenthaler said.

Margenthaler was named head coach prior to the 1992-93 season. In the previous 15 seasons, he was head coach at Western Illinois.

The new agreement will not only help Margenthaler determine his own future, but it will definitely aid his recruiting. He said it is boost to the players he is recruiting that they know he has stability in his coaching position.

Kids that I recruit ask me all the time, 'What's your job?' Margenthaler said. "I think my new job status is a big benefit as far as they're concerned, because they know I'm here to stay and haul. I'm very committed to the student-athletes here at SIUE."

Last month, Margenthaler served as chairman of the Southwestern Illinois Swimming Association, and responsible for overseeing all of the hoops action at the Vadalabene Center. Over the three days of competition, SIUE hosted 30 dual-meet games, and the actual court the Cougars used to play their home games was used for the championship round.

The Cougars have added three players for the upcoming season.

Margenthaler signed inside players Travis Walbaum and Rusty Sarnes before the summer began. Sarnes, a 6-6 forward, will also play baseball at SIUE.

Margenthaler also solidified the point guard position by signing Marlon Clark, who came to SIUE from Burlington Junior College in Iowa. He will be a junior next season at SIUE.

Stats 'n' stuff

Sports shorts

Elks U-12 boys

Open tryouts are being held for the Granite City Elks' under-12 boys soccer team. Eligible candidates must be born after Aug. 1, 1984. Tryouts will be held 9-11 a.m. July 17-18 and 6-8 p.m. July 19 at the Belleville Area College campus in Granite City.

Players should wear shin guards and bring a No. 4 soccer ball, drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call 877-5586.

Elks '81 girls

The Granite City Elks' under-16 girls soccer team will be holding tryouts for the 1996-97 soccer season for girls born on or after Aug. 1, 1980, up to Dec. 31, 1982. Tryouts will be held at the Elks Soccer Complex on the campus of Belleville Area College in Granite City.

The tryouts are scheduled for 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on July 19. Participants should bring a No. 5 soccer ball and drinking water. For more information, call 931-5163 or 876-2229.

Elks U-15 girls

Tryouts for the Elks girls Under-15 soccer team will be held on July 17, 22 and 24 at 6 p.m., at the Elks Soccer Complex on the campus of Belleville Area College in Granite City. All girls born on Aug. 1, 1981 or after are welcome to participate. Candidates should bring a No. 4 soccer ball and shin guards, drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call 877-4438.

Warrior football

The Granite City High School football coaching staff has begun preseason drills at the high school gymnasium. Camp will be held each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. All interested football players in

grades 8-12 are invited to join the workouts.

The GCBS staff will be working with players of all levels through Aug. 1. Players should attend at least three of the six weekly workouts in order to keep up with the schedule. Weight training and agility skills are the main focus of the camp.

After the camp ends on Aug. 1, there will be a break before high school practice begins on Aug. 14.

Parental permission slips must be turned in before the first day of organized practice. Turnouts for the camp are not required, but the staff would like to see anyone interested in football to come out and join the workouts.

Elks '77 girls

The Granite City Select Elks '77 under-19 girls soccer team is holding tryouts for girls born after Aug. 1, 1977. Each player must bring a soccer ball, shin guards, one light shirt and one dark shirt.

The tryouts will be held 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, and Wednesday, July 17 at the Elks Soccer Complex on the campus of Belleville Area College in Granite City.

All candidates must arrive at least 15 minutes early, wearing a white t-shirt and shin guards. They must also bring a No. 4 inflated soccer ball, drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call 931-4553.

Elks '85 girls

The Elks '85 girls under-12 team will hold open tryouts for girls born after Aug. 1, 1984. Tryouts will be held 9 a.m. July 20 and 6-30 p.m. July 25 at the Belleville Area College campus on Maryville Road in Granite City.

All candidates must arrive at least 15 minutes early, wearing a white t-shirt and shin guards. They must also bring a No. 4 inflated soccer ball, drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call 877-4438.

The Granite City Elks

under-13 girls soccer team, for girls born between Aug. 1, 1983 and 1985, will be holding tryouts this summer for the 1996-97 competitive season.

Tryouts will be held at the Elks Soccer Complex located on the campus of Belleville Area College in Granite City. The remaining tryout will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, July 11.

Players should wear white shirts and shin guards. A No. 5 soccer ball and drinking water. Girls wanting to try out should arrive at least 15 minutes early. No return trip may be given. Bring a copy of their birth certificate, a No. 5 soccer ball and drink bottle. For more information, call 797-2356 or 797-1893.

Elks U-10 boys

The Granite City Elks under-10 boys soccer team is holding open tryouts for the 1996-97 competitive season. The tryouts, for players born between Aug. 1, 1988 and July 31, 1987, will be held at 6 p.m. July 19 at the Belleville Area College campus in Granite City.

All candidates must arrive at least 15 minutes before the starting time, wearing shin guards. Players must bring a No. 4 inflated soccer ball, drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate. For more information or pre-registration, call 931-4553.

Elks U-10 girls

Tryouts for the Granite City Elks girls under-10 soccer team will be held at 6 p.m. July 17 and 29 at the Elks Soccer Complex located on the campus of Belleville Area College in Granite City. All girls born between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987, are eligible to try out. Participants should bring a ball, shin guards, drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call 877-4438.

All candidates must arrive at

Elks '83 boys

The Granite City Elks' under-14 boys soccer team is holding tryouts this summer for the 1996-97 soccer season for boys born on or after Aug. 1, 1982. Tryouts will be at the Elks Soccer Complex at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College.

Tryouts will be held 4:50-5:30 p.m. July 11 and 10-11:30 a.m. July 12. A parental permission slip is not required, but could prove beneficial. Participants should bring a copy of their birth certificate, a No. 5 soccer ball and drink bottle. For more information, call 797-2356 or 797-1893.

Elks U-11 boys

The Granite City Elks under-11 boys soccer team is holding open tryouts for the 1996-97 competitive season. The tryouts, for players born between Aug. 1, 1988 and July 31, 1987, will be held at 6 p.m. July 17 at the Belleville Area College campus in Granite City.

All candidates must arrive at least 15 minutes before the starting time, wearing shin guards. They must bring a No. 4 inflated soccer ball, drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate. For more information or pre-registration, call 931-4553.

Elks '86 girls

The Granite City Elks' 1986 girls soccer team will hold tryouts for girls born between Aug. 1, 1985 and Sept. 1, 1986 at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College. All candidates must arrive outfitted in a white shirt and shin guards. Players must also bring a size-4 inflated soccer ball, drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate.

Tryouts will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 and 9 a.m. Saturday, July 20. For more

information or rainout dates, call 931-4627 or 931-9053.

Elks U-9 boys

Tryouts for the Granite City Elks boys under-9 soccer team will be held at 6 p.m. July 16 and 20 at the Elks Soccer Complex, located on the campus of Belleville Area College in Granite City. All boys born on

Aug. 1, 1987 or after are welcome.

Participants should bring a ball, shin guards, drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call 877-4438.

most popular soccer personalities, Slobi Iljovski, will once again hold a soccer camp in Granite City this summer. This year's camp will run from noon-2 p.m. Aug. 12-16 at Worthington Park.

The camp, for boys and girls ages 5-18, offers instruction for both field players and goalkeepers. The fee is \$100, which includes a camp soccer ball or \$50 without the ball. All campers will receive T-shirts, photos and more. For more information, call (314) 227-3036.

YMCA Golf Classic

The Legacy Golf Course will hold the 14th Annual Tri-City Area YMCA Golf Classic on Saturday, Aug. 10. The cost for the 18-hole tournament, including refreshments and steak dinner, is \$80. Proceeds support the YMCA youth programs in the Tri-City area.

The Granite City Soccer Dream Battery will be held at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on July 20 at the Granite City Elks Soccer Fields, located on the BAC campus in Granite City.

McBride soccer camp

The Quad-Cities Soccer Complex in Granite City will be host to the annual Pat McBride Granite City Soccer Camp, which will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. July 20-24. Boys and girls ages 5-14 are welcome to participate. Players will be grouped by age and ability for maximum learning experience.

Pat McBride will direct all sessions, and other coaches will be on hand to help out. There will be a variety of equipment for every player. The cost is \$65 per camper, and \$50 for each additional child in the same family.

Participants receive a watermelon, luncheon sheets and a watermelon punch on Friday night, (Aug. 2). For more information, call 876-9000.



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Chris Mitchell of Granite City celebrates after sinking a 3-point shot to win a contest held at the Prairie State Games last month at SIUE. Mitchell won a 52-inch Panasonic TV with the shot.

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•Fontbonne

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ence, have each committed to play baseball for Hendrickson at Fontbonne.

As a Division III school, Fontbonne cannot give out athletic scholarships, but both Niepert and Ervay have the grades necessary to get financial assistance from Fontbonne.

"When we go out searching for students who can help us, we're looking for those who excel in athletics as well as baseball," Hendrickson said. "Both Billy and Brad were a perfect match."

"They're bright, young guys, with the desire to play baseball. We're not tugging anybody's arm, since we can't give athletic scholarships, so you really have to like the game you want to play. But we're here to complement the classroom as well."

Hendrickson's Fontbonne team, in only its second year of existence, was 23-17 overall last season and 5-3 in the Illinois Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The team's overall record represents an improvement of 17 games over the initial year of the program.

During that time, Hendrickson has made it a point to keep one eye focused on the talent on this side of the river.

"I'd be crazy if I didn't," he said. "It's no secret that over in Illinois, especially the Southwestern Conference, there's some of the best baseball players in the area. Year after year, that conference produces most college baseball players."

"And the Granite City team is a mainstay in that conference, and they had a very

good team this year, too."

Hendrickson said both Niepert and Ervay have a chance to play soon.

"I shot at pitching for us right away," he said. "We won't have a single senior pitcher next year, and although we've recruited lots of young arms, Billy has that chance."

"I look for Brad to play at either first or third, depending on who else we might sign. I'd have to say we like to defend a little more at first, and that's the direction we're leaning in. But Brad will have to work his way in. He'll be competing with a junior at that position."

Hendrickson couldn't quite complete the triple play, however. He also wanted to ink Granite City infielder Brian Lloyd, who was apparently chosen another school.

"I still feel very fortunate, because we've come a long way in the last two years, and think if we can just continue to do that, maybe I think a lot of people still don't even realize we have a baseball team here — we can continue our success," Hendrickson said.

Fontbonne's biggest need was pitching. The team hit a robust .323 last year, averaging more than eight runs per game.

With Niepert and Ervay, the Griffins get the pitching they need, plus a reliable bat and solid defense in the infield.

"They will be stepping up to another level, but they can handle it," Hendrickson said.

"They are outstanding young men who come from a great program."

Tri-City infielder Vince Whittenburg makes a throw.

(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

•Juniors

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half of the seventh inning to pull out the well-earned win.

"We were in it all the way, we competed well and won," Lignoul said. "I think we did a good job, probably," Lignoul said. "I couldn't be happier with these kids right now."

Tri-City can also look to Jason Dix, who tossed a two-

hitter against Highland his last time out. Lignoul added that the defense and hitting departments have been aided by the improved play of Sean Courtney, Jonathan Burnett, Tony Komorom and Dustin Murphy.

"If everybody can do their job, we can still make something out of this season," Lignoul said.

•Clippers

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seems to play well there."

The only disappointment of that tourney was that the Clippers' main rival, the Waterloo Buds, weren't on hand for the festivities. Waterloo backed out over scheduling conflicts. Buds manager Vern Moehrs and tourney director and Valmeyer Lakers manager Dennis Pieper.

"We would like to have had Waterloo there, but it didn't lessen our accomplishment," DePew said. "We missed them, but we'll see what happens in the future."

Granite City did not meet Waterloo in the Prairie State Games, so unless the two meet in this year's Mon-Clair playoffs, Saturday's scheduled doubleheader at Waterloo will be the only time the two rivals

face each other this year. Because the Buds, early exit last year's playoffs, the two haven't met in league action since a regular-season doubleheader split last August. Although the Clippers failed to defend their title, the crown, DePew was still glad that a Mon-Clair team won the gold medal. Waterloo took the gold-medal game against Prairie Grav- el of Chicago.

"I'm glad (Waterloo) won the gold medal," DePew said. "They represented the Mon-Clair league well, and I'm glad someone from our league won it. It shows the strength of our league."

Barring inclement weather, Granite City and Waterloo will meet at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Gibault Field.

•Paddlers

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"Justin just kind of coasted along for two months his first year with us and he wound up winning two or three second-place medals in the (championship) meets," Furmanek said. "I never would have dreamt of anything like that happening. That's how unpredictable it is when you're dealing with kids this young. I hope they stay healthy and keep swimming."

The Paddlers' experienced swimmers have been in their most productive on in the first three meets. They are

ing in the 15-18 division. Nathan Becker, Jamie Casper in the 13-14 group and Matt Dittman in the 11-12 division.

"Matt Dittman is getting closer to record in the 50-meter butterfly, he's doing well," Furmanek said. "We've got an 8-year-old, Keeley Nelson, who swam with us two years ago, sat out last year, and is back this year. Keeley is pretty well. Brian Petersen is another young one who is only seven but is starting to click all of a sudden. We've got quite a few kids in that 5 to 8 group who might surprise us before it's over."

•Diving

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it's going to be a lot more difficult this year because we have so many new divers," McCormick said. "It makes him actually help, because it makes them want to come back and work harder in practice. Kids have a tendency to relax when winning becomes easy for them. Obviously, when you're unconfident, you're not competing as aggressively as you should."

While no one individual diverer made a significant difference in the meet, the Paddlers lost critical potential points from the absence of Michael Vivod in the 12-13 age group. Vivod, a five-time conference diving champion, missed each of the first three meets while on summer vacation with his family. He returned to practice late last week.

A 22-year veteran of coaching, McCormick was not overwhelmed by the Montclaire setback.

"Montclaire is a much larger team in numbers than they've been in the past," she said. "I think it's a plus for the entire conference that they're improving. For so many years we've been Granite City and Alton Summersport dominating the SWISA (championships). I really think the tournament is going to be a lot more balanced and the competition a lot more fierce."

The Paddlers still have the Gaslight (Collinsville) and Summersport teams to contend with before the conference championships. Of greater immediate interest to McCormick is the recent emergence of several of her new young divers.

Among the most pleasant surprises has been Josh Nicholson in the 8-under age group.

Nicholson has gone undefeated in his division in all three meets, including against Montclaire.

"This is his first year with the team, but Josh has really caught on well," McCormick said. "We've also got Jessie Hartzel, who is also in the 8-under girls division, as well as Sarah Hartzel. Sarah's diving with so much more poise than I ever expected from her. She's getting a lot of height off the board."

"Ian Hartzel hasn't lost yet either in the 9-10 boys, but our 13-14 girls have been the strength of the team," she said. "Ashley Slover, Lauri Canada and Ali Krinski have led the Paddlers in that division, just as McCormick had projected before the season. Each September we've only been seeing interest in diving early on, but has developed lately into one of the team's most serious contenders in the 15-18 division."

"Obviously, the SWISA finals is going to come down to which team has the desire to work the hardest," McCormick said. "Hopefully, our kids are going to be more intense now."

Softball

Granite City Park District Results (June 17)

Men's 1A

Outlaws

Scores

Bindy's 25, Outlaws 4

M.H.C. 10, Kramden's 4

Inglewood 11, Ingleside 5

Mud Pups 21, Kramden's 17

Men's 35-Over

Bindy's 20, Mud Pups 19

Eagles 1, Mud Pups 0

Sports Tap 1, Mud Pups 0

G.C. Elks 0, Mud Pups 0

Men's 60+ Over

M.C.L. 20, Mud Pups 19

Dairy Queen 1, Mud Pups 0

O.J. 0, Mud Pups 0

Iimo's Pizza 0, Mud Pups 0

Men's 3A

Funky Cowboys 20, Top Dawgs 6

Gamco 10, Top Dawgs 9

A.O. Smith 20, Top Dawgs 4

Other Team 16, Jack & Jill's 5

Spartans 11, Jack & Jill's 16

Patty McD's 5, Trojans 4

Women's 1A

Tacoles 34, Charlie Ray Motors 21

Motil Law Offices 1, European Sun Spa 22

Bindy's 22, Mud Pups 19

Dairy Queen 2, Mud Pups 1

Ernie & Annie's 2, Mud Pups 1

Bindy's 2, Mud Pups 1

Women's 2A

Jacobsmeyers 21, Mud Pups 19

Bindy's 21, Mud Pups 19

No games played

Men's 4A

Titans 20, Shipyards 6

Jacobsmeyers 25, Jacobsmeyers 10

Jack & Jill's 22, Jacobsmeyers 22

Eagles 30, Ernie & Annie's 9

Men's 5A

Bindy's/Bud Light 30, Mud Pups 24

Electric Mud Puppies 24, Mud Pups 20

Indigo 18, Mud Pups 14

M.H.C. 12, Mud Pups 10

Inglewood 12, Mud Pups 10

Sullivan's 28-A Lot 0

Our Gang 20, Mud Pups 19

Shane Express 19, Mud Pups 18

Jacobsmeyers 0, Mud Pups 0

Jacobsmeyers II 0, Mud Pups 0

Women's 3A

Jacobsmeyers 31, Mud Pups 29

Bindy's 21, Mud Pups 20

No games played

Men's 6A

Bindy's/Bud Light 30, Mud Pups 24

Electric Mud Puppies 24, Mud Pups 20

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Striptease' is no 'Showgirls'

Now showing

'Striptease'

— Stars: Demi Moore, Burt Reynolds, Armand Assante, Robert Patrick
 — Rated: R for nudity, language
 — Movie type: Adult comedy
 — Running time: 1 hour, 55 minutes
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"Striptease" is no "Showgirls," which, in a way, is too bad.

At least last year's attempt at a lame-duck titillation is finding a second life as "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" of the '90s, complete with midnight showings to audiences who laugh and participate with a celluloid colossus of camp.

This latest try, starring Demi Moore, simply serves up forgettable merriment. It clearly fails to make you titter rather than titillate you. But while marketers and makers of the R-rated "Striptease" are touting the Castle Rock release as "comedy that explores careers between broad humor and heavyhanded seriousness."

Moore plays a wife and mother who's been fired from her job as a secretary for the FBI and then loses custody of her little girl to her defective ex-husband, played by Robert Patrick. Besides being an infertile woman, she's a thief who steals wheelchairs from hospitals and is generally out of control.

To get her kid back and make money, Moore takes a job as a stripper at a Miami club.

One night, a sleazy congressman (Burt Reynolds) slips into the joint incognito and manages

to get himself into a fracas that gets photographed. Enter Moore's ex-husband, who's trying to get her from the Revenge of the Nerds Alumni Association and thinks the incriminating photos might help get her kid back.

Soa, he's sleeping with the fishes — in "The Godfather" sense of the phrase — and an earnest detective (Armand Assante) is on the case.

Monty, who's a python named Monty also sleeps with the fishes — in fact, nobody sleeps with anybody but fishes in this movie. And the pyromaniacal and pines over her little girl, and the detective takes over the nerd-fan's efforts to help her regain custody.

Moore thinks about her

daughter (Moore's real-life 7-year-old, Rumer) in naked, seductive images and says: "You know, not having her around — it's like my heart is missing."

Eventually, she just snatches her daughter back, which is followed by hit-me-with-a-wrecking-ball scenes depicting what a good mother she is, in case you had any doubts.

The movie's come-upon endings are jarring, especially since they're juxtaposed with the kind of antic moments director Andrew Bergman has shown a sure hand with in the past such as in "Honeymoon in Vegas."

Reynolds plays his part for laughs with a vengeance, and even allows himself to appear disconcertingly goofy. With an

ill-fitting, white-haired wig, he looks like Tommy Lee Jones dressed as Andy Warhol for Halloween.

Despite showbiz buzz that this role could do for him what "Pulp Fiction" did for John Travolta, this won't be Reynolds' deliverance to a comeback.

Too bad, too, that the usually reliable Assante, who's seen better roles and better men ("The Prince of Kings," among them), and Ving Rhames ("Pulp Fiction") got caught up in this dreck. It's impossible for them to rise above the material here.

Despite the pretensions of

Bergman's screenplay to capture the zeitgeist of single working moms, Moore — who

got paid a reported \$12 million for this — fails to illuminate much in her performance.

And what's the point of

shaking off her bony body?

After the tide of much-bal-

loohoo covers she did for

Vanity Fair magazine, it

makes you think of what Rosie

O'Donnell says to Madonna in

"A League of Their Own,"

when Madonna suggests that

one way to increase ballpark

attendance would be to "show

off 'her bosoms'."

Demi, who isn't already

seen your bosoms?

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The legendary Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians with Al Pierson will return to the Crystal Ballroom in St. Louis on Sunday, July 14.

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Ebrecht-50 Years

Elmer LeRoy Ebrecht and Martha "Marti" L. Ebrecht of Granite City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 1 at First Presbyterian Church in Granite City.

Their sons, William of Republic, Wis., James of Montrose, Colo., Ronald of New Haven, Conn., and Gary of St. Louis, arranged the event.

After renewing their vows, a dinner was given in the fellowship hall for church members and guests.

On June 2, the Ebrechts family with a dinner at the Frisco Room at the Hyatt in Union Station.

Rayburn-Perkins

Rebecca Lynn Rayburn, daughter of Robert Rayburn of Granite City and Diane Smith of Minnesota, and Samuel Alan Perkins, son of Tunnie and Margaret Perkins of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Rayburn, of Granite City, is a 1986 graduate of Granite City High School. She is employed at Magna Bank in Granite City as a full-time teller.

Perkins, a 1979 graduate of Granite City High School South, is employed with Collins and Hermann Fencing Co. in St. Louis as a welder.

An Oct. 12 wedding at Harvest Assembly in Granite City is being planned.

Rodriguez-Montalvo

Veronica Raquel Rodriguez, daughter of Oscar and Bene Rodriguez of Madison, and Salvador Montalvo, son of Salvador and Vernelle Werner of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Rodriguez, of Madison, is a 1986 graduate of Granite City High School. She will enter Hickey Business School in St. Louis in August 1997. She is employed as a part-time cashier at Popeye's Chicken in Granite City.

Montalvo completed his education in Zacatecas, Mexico. He is employed with Top Care Landscaping in St. Louis as a landscaper.

A Sept. 28 wedding is being planned at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison.

Gagne-Werner

Christine M. Gagne, daughter of George and Estelle Gagne of Miami, Fla., and John S. Werner, son of Elmer and Vernelle Werner of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Gagne, of Columbia, is a graduate of St. Louis University. She is a physician's assistant.

Werner, a graduate of Granite City High School, attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He is a foreman with Chouteau Township Highway Department.

An Oct. 25 wedding at the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Religious Center is being planned.

Morgan-25 Years

Royce and Mary Morgan of Edwardsville celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary recently at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City with a large group of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Morgan and the former Mary Dombrowski were married July 3, 1971, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National Catholic Church in Madison.

Mary Morgan is the daughter of Walter and Alice Dobrowski of Granite City. Royce Morgan is the son of Theresa Morgan of Mitchell and the late Lester Morgan.

He is employed with Granite City Steel. She is a homemaker.

They are the parents of two daughters, Marti Edwards and Laura Morgan.

Heil-Creglow

Melissa A. Creglow and Rod W. Heil were married recently in Beatrice, Catholic Church in Beatrice, Neb., by the Rev. Mark Seiter.

The bride, daughter of Jim and Pat Creglow, is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Creglow of Cape Girardeau, Mo., an assistant manager of the Riviera Oaks Resort and Racquet Club.

The groom, son of Jon and Debbie Heil of Granite City and grandson of George and Betty Casleton of Gillespie and Gomer and Lorene Heil of Granite City, is serving with the United States Marine Corps.

Mary Creglow of Lincoln, Neb., sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Traci Quirk of Lincoln, Shannon Armstrong of Coffeyville, Kan., and Jennifer Heil of Granite City, sister of the groom.

Glen Crabtree of Glen Carbon was the best man. The groomsmen were Keith Simon of Granite City; Michael Creglow of San Francisco, brother of the bride; and Jim Knobell of Edwardsville.

The ushers were Mark and Matt Creglow, both of Lincoln, brothers of the bride. Wade Casleton of Granite City, uncle of the groom, and Kent Bellamy of Lincoln.

The ring bearer was Adam Keeton of Edwardsville, cousin of the groom. The flower girl was Emily Creglow of Lincoln, niece of the bride.

Kelly Berke of Beatrice was the personal attendant.

Pat Rasmussen, Beatrice wife of the bride, Rita Jones of Beatrice was the organist.

The guest book attendant was Linny Yilk of Lincoln.

A reception at the Barb and Barb's Shoppo of Beatrice, Bill and Anne Grant of St. Louis and Lori and Wade Casleton of Granite City, was held at the Paddock Kingsington.

A honeymoon tour of the western states, the couple resides in California.

Area scholars

Brigitta Modglin

Brigitta K. Modglin of Granite City received a bachelor's degree in education from Western Illinois University in Macomb during commencement exercises held May 10 and 11.



Angela Withers

Angela Marie Withers of Granite City has been honored by the University of Kentucky for outstanding academic achievement.

Withers, a senior majoring in psychology, was named to the Dean's List in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Students named to the dean's list at UK were honored for their work during the spring semester and are among the top five percent of all undergraduate students enrolled.

Robert Ribbing

Robert B. Ribbing, son of Joseph A. and Mary Ribbing of Granite City, received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Missouri at Rolla during commencement exercises May 11. He graduated

cum laude.

Susan Koberna

Susan M. Koberna of Granite City has received an academic scholarship from the Alumni and Friends of Deaconess College of Nursing in St. Louis for the upcoming school year.

Koberna has been on the dean's list for academic excellence during her tenure at Deaconess. She is entering her senior year in pursuing her bachelor's degree in nursing.

She is the daughter of Wayne and Jeanette Scannell.

Phillip Cathey

Phillip J. Cathey, of Granite City, has enrolled in the electrical engineering technology program at ITT Technical Institute in Granite City, Mo.

The local campus is one of a nationwide network of 50 ITT Technical Institutes operated

by Indianapolis-based ITT Educational Services Inc.

Cathay graduated from Granite City High School in 1994.

The eight-quarter program, which begins in September, will help prepare Cathey for an entry-level position in electronics.

Debra Moss

Debra E. Moss graduated from Vanderbilt University on May 10 with a degree in special education and elementary education. She is the daughter of Dr. William and former Granite City resident Beverly (Toncoff) Moss of Atlanta.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Toncoff of Granite City and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moss of Decatur.

Melissa McIlroy

Melissa Ann McIlroy, daughter of Charles and Laura McIlroy of Granite City, graduated cum laude from St. Louis University in St. Louis on May 10 with a Bachelor's degree in physical therapy. She is a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School.

While at St. Louis University, McIlroy participated in the athletic training internship program, working toward certification as an athletic trainer.

She received the St. Louis University Dean's Scholarship every year and was named to the dean's list in her final semester.

She has accepted a position as staff physical therapist and athletic trainer at the St. Francis Center for Health and Rehabilitation, which is part of St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Brent Tracy

Granite City High School graduate Brent Tracy recently registered for fall semester classes at Illinois College in Jacksonville.

He is among approximately 280 freshmen and transfer students who will compose the newest group of Illinois College students this fall.

The liberal arts college will begin its 168th year with an enrollment of more than 930 students.

Tracy is the son of Roger and Joyce Tracy of Granite City. He plans to major in mathematics or computer science.

Amy Aud

Amy E. Aud of Granite City received a bachelor's degree in child, family and community services during the May 11 commencement exercises at the University of Springfield in Springfield, Ill.

Nikki Tate

Nikki J. Tate of Granite City received a Bachelor of science degree during the spring graduation ceremonies held at Illinois State University in Normal.

Brian Seiz

Brian Seiz of Granite City has been named to the dean's list at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy for the spring 1996 semester.

Seiz is the son of Jim and Diane Deitz and is a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School.

To be named to the dean's list, students must complete at least 12 credit hours and maintain a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.

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When a husband and wife obtain a divorce, the question usually arises as to which of the parents will obtain custody of the minor children or which parent will be the primary caretaker between themselves as to who will be the custodial parent, a court will have to make this decision based on the "best interests of the child."

Formerly in Illinois, there was a preference that the mother be the primary caretaker for "tender years." However, this is no longer the case. The parents now start on an equal footing in determining who will obtain custody. This determination will always be made by a court based on the "best interests of the child or children."

In one recent case, a man and woman had been married twelve years, and they had three daughters ages 10, 8, and 5. The father worked full-time during the day, and with his wife attending graduate school. In this case, the wife was extremely busy furthering her education, and most of the day-to-day needs of the children were met by the father.

The wife approached the husband in 1992 and announced that she wished to obtain a

divorce (dissolution of marriage). The husband indicated that this was not what he had in mind, but that she was determined to proceed on this matter, he would fight her for custody. The issue of custody was the main stumbling block in this case, and the court eventually went to hearing for a judge to determine what was in the "best interests of the children."

At trial, evidence was presented that the husband's mother could be able to help with the children during the day while he was at work, in addition, testimony was presented that the children relied more on him to meet their needs than they did their mother. Finally, the two youngest children indicated to the judge that they loved both of their parents, but that they would rather reside with their mother or older child over the other hand, indicated that she would prefer to live with her mother.

The judge in this case looked at all of the circumstances and ruled that the custody of the children would be awarded to the mother. The judge was reluctant to separate the children in terms of custody. The court did grant liberal visitation to the mother in this case.

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